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SUBJ: NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR

1. JIDDA DAILY "AL MADINA" AUGUST 28 FRONT-PAGED FOLLOWING ARTICLE CONCERNING "NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN SAUDI ARABIA." TEXT FOLLOWS: QTE SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA. THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT HAD DECIDED TO NAME JAMES AKINS, THE EXPERT ON PETROLEUM MATTERS, AS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN SAUDI ARABIA IN REPLACEMENT OF MR. NICHOLAS THACHER WHO IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO A POSITION IN A MINISTRY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

JAMES AKINS IS 47 YEARS OLD AND HAS WORKED SINCE 1969 AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FUELS AND ENERGY IN THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE. HE SPEAKS ARABIC AND PRIOR TO JOINING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN 1953 WORKED AS A TEACHER IN AN AMERICAN SCHOOL IN BEIRUT. IN HIS CAPACITY AS AN EXPERT ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MATTERS HE HAS OCCUPIED POSITIONS IN PARIS, DAMASCUS AND KUWAIT. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS A SON AND A DAUGHTER. END QUOTE. THACHER

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